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E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: DISCUSSION WITH FONMIN MEDICI ON EC MEETING ON MIDDLE EAST

DEPT PASS USINT CAIRO

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1. I HAD BREAKFAST WITH FONMIN MEDICI MARCH 15 TO GO OVER WITH HIM THE VERY USEFUL INFORMATION PROVIDED IN REFTTEL. I STRESSED TO MEDICI THAT THERE WAS NO ALTERNATIVE TO THE PARTIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST REACHING THEIR OWN AGREEMENT EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH INDIRECT MEANS. THERE SHOULD BE NO ILLUSIONS THAT A SETTLEMENT COULD BE IMPOSED OR THAT IN SOME WAY AN AGREEMENT COULD COME ABOUT OTHER THAN THROUGH THE PARTIES THEMSELVES SQUARELY FACING THE ISSUES INVOLVED. I SAID THAT WE STRONGLY HOPED THAT THE EC WILL TAKE NO INITIATIVE WHICH MIGHT HAVE THE EFFECT OF GIVING THE ILLUSION THAT A SOLUTION CAN BE CREATED BY THIRD PARTIES. I ALSO SAID THAT IF ITALY HAD ANY SPECIFIC PROPOSALS HOW TO PROCEED TOWARD ACHIEVING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, WE SHOULD BE VERY GLAD TO DISCUSS THEM. I LEFT WITH MEDICI A BRIEF PAPER SUMMARIZING CURRENT US VIEWS ON THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION.

2. MEDICI EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR RECEIVING FROM ME OUR CURRENT THINKING ON THE MIDDLE EAST, PARTICULARLY AS HE WAS LEAVING IN A FEW HOURS TO ATTEND THE EC MEETING IN BRUSSELS. MY COMMENTS WOULD ASSIST HIM IN ORIENTING THE STATEMENT HE WOULD MAKE IN BRUSSELS. HE WAS PARTICULARLY PLEASED TO KNOW THAT WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT WHATEVER INTERIM SOLUTION MIGHT BE ACHIEVED WOULD BE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF NEGOTIATIONS LEADING TO A FINAL SETTLEMENT BASED ON RESOLUTION 242. MEDICI MADE CLEAR THAT HE WISHED TO KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH US ON THE MIDDLE EAST SINCE HE AGREED THAT A SOLUTION COULD NOT BE IMPOSED ON THIRD PARTIES. HE ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE FACT THAT MY FIRST SUBSTANTIVE VISIT WITH HIM HAD INDEED BEEN ON THIS CRUCIAL QUESTION.

3. MEDICI TOLD ME IN STRICT CONFIDENCE THAT HE WILL NOW BE VISITING ISRAEL FROM MARCH 26 TO MARCH 29. VOLPE

NOTE BY OCT: NOT PASSED CAIRO.

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